

Application No. 09/891,084  
Amendment dated August 19, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of March 19, 2003

**Remarks**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003 and in view of the two-month extension of time is due on or before August 19, 2003.

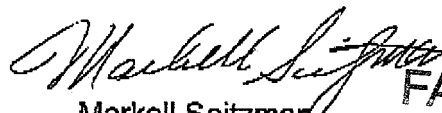
Applicant has been delayed in gathering information and data sufficient to file an Affidavit of Prior Invention under 37 CFR 1.131 and seeks this extension of time to avoid abandoning the patent application.

With regard to the prior art, Tang et al (Tang), USP 6228488 was first used to reject Claim 1 as being anticipated and then used to reject Claims 2-10 for obviousness.

Conventional seat belts are typically made of polyester fiber which is first woven (into a webbing) and subsequently dyed. The experienced developed in working with polyester fibers and webbing is not directly transferable to webbing containing a PET-polycaprolactone diblock copolymer fiber as it is extremely difficult to dye this PET-type of fiber. Tang describes many different temperature ranges used in the process of manufacturing his invention, however, the narrow range of temperature defined in pending Claim 1 which was successfully used to dye this Pet-type of fiber is not addressed nor taught by Tang. Additionally, Tang does not teach the specific processes defined in pending claims 2-10.

In view of the aforementioned, it is respectfully urged that the present application be reconsidered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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